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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF PERFORMING TRIAL  
PRINTING, AND IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM

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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

☒ Continuation   ☐ Division   ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (51 pages).

☒ Formal drawings (14 sheets, Figures 1-23).

☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).

☒ Information Disclosure Statement.

- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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Basic Fee				\$770.00	\$770.00
Total	29	- 20	= 9	x \$18.00	= \$162.00
Claims:					
Independ	9	- 3	= 6	x \$86.00	= \$516.00
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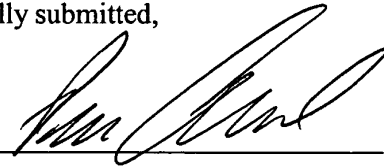
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